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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: TSD Requirements for Information

1. Late in October and early in November, members of the Materiel and Human Resources Teams of the Support Systems Group met with the Automatic Data Processing Committee TSD has established to discuss TSD's requirements for information about their property and people. They described some very interesting requirements which we believe we will be able to satisfy from the data base being developed in our over-all study, although some of the things they would like to do are probably not economically practical. In any case, their primary interest at the time was in being able to do something immediately and they expressed the intention of going to whatever source of assistance they considered necessary to get some sort of system design immediately.

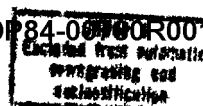
2. Essentially, they have divided their interests into three broad areas: (1) personnel, (2) equipment, and (3) case file or operational situation information. Virtually all of the information they would like to have about their people and property will be in our data base. However, it will be necessary for us to add some new items of data to accommodate some of the specifics. TSD is interested in being able to identify their personnel who have particular operational competences even to the point of knowing which individuals may have installed a particular piece of equipment in a specific location. They are anxious to be able to learn who among their people are competent to handle particularly exotic types of equipment, where they may be located at any given time, and other more or less normal personnel information. In addition to the general run of personnel data, they are interested in knowing of supplementary qualifications their people may have. For example, an individual qualified to

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[REDACTED] In terms of property, they want to be able to know what pieces of equipment have actually been installed where. Our present Type II Property Accountability procedures show as being in use items which have

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been issued from Headquarters to a Type II installation. However, these items may in fact be on the shelf at the field station awaiting some requirement for them to be installed somewhere. Present procedures do not permit TSD, Headquarters to know whether such items of equipment have in fact been installed and consequently a great deal of cable traffic is generated any time a requirement comes in for a particular item before TSD can know whether it must be shipped from Headquarters or whether it is available at some more convenient place in the field. The problem over the years is the fact that TSD wants to be able to do this sort of thing by tomorrow or next week. If they can't get what they feel they want from us as immediately as they think they have to have it, they said they would go somewhere else to get it. Apparently they have done that.

25X1 3. [] called me during the week before Christmas to say that TSD has taken its problems to him for the second time and he is now being pushed to do something. Apparently he has agreed to undertake the design and programs to attempt to satisfy some of TSD's requirements for information about materiel and people. He doubts that he will be able to develop a system design sophisticated enough to tell TSD which of its employees are qualified to install particular types of equipment. He hopes that he will be able to do this and have something installed within the next year. [] is aware of our plans and also knows that the systems we are developing will satisfy nearly all of TSD's requirements and therefore anything he does will represent a duplication of effort. He says he has no choice but to proceed because of the pressure being brought to bear by Mr. [] and he is, moreover, prepared to rationalize and justify his interest in this on the basis of the sensitivity of the information they will handle, and the need for compartmentation.

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25X1 4. The propriety of having [] get into this kind of Support data processing seems to me to be questionable but I did not get into a jurisdictional dispute with him at this time because we are not in a position to do anything for TSD separate from or any more rapidly than we can proceed in the context of our broader Materiel Resources System. It is interesting, if not significant, that [] willingness to take on this kind of an application represents a departure from the reasoning applied by the DD/P in justifying the need for the Clandestine Services to have its own computer capability and their resistance to the centralization theme. Essentially their position has been that the WALNUT System and the computer support to RID is a highly specialized application existing in

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a completely integrated man-machine processing continuum which makes it vital that the equipment remain under the management control of the DD/P. Beginning last spring during the abortive attempts of the ADP Committee to structure the Agency's computer organization, the Clandestine Services began extending their rationale to justify their separate computer existence by injecting the sensitivity theme and the need to keep some of their data compartmented under their own management control. I expect we may have some jurisdictional problems in the future but I don't see how we can do anything about it until we are in a position to offer the service.



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